(*a*) whether they have stopped giving grant-in-aid to the aided Primary School at Edava in the Chirayinkil taluk ;

(*b*) if so, the reason for so doing ;

(*c*) the number of years that have elapsed since the school was started ;

(*d*) the names of schools that the boys of this school will have to go to in case this school is abolished ;

(*e*) whether they have received any representation from the people of the locality regarding their grievances against stopping this school and

(*f*) if so, the action taken thereon ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The school has only two classes and there are two other complete Primary Schools in the locality.

(*c*) 44 years.

(*d*) Kappil Departmental and Edava Muslim complete Primary Schools.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The member for the constituency has been informed that, if the management are prepared to run a complete Primary School the question of closing the Departmental Primary School may be reconsidered.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : What is the principle observed by the Department in abolishing overlapping schools ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The principle is elaborated at considerable length in the Education Reforms Committee Report.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : May I know whether the school has 40 years standing ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I want notice for that. But I think there is no school near to it.

Village Panchayat Court at Warkala.

250. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representation regarding the opening of a Village Panchayat Court at Warkala ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Abolition of export duty on cocoanut products.

251. ***MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by them on the resolution passed by the Legislative Council in Dhanu 1108 recommending the abolition of the export duty on the products of the cocoanut tree ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The matter is under the consideration of Government.

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